

# **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yellow Team Science**

## *Class Requirements and Expectations*

*Mrs. Ebinger*

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> grade science! I look forward to an exciting and challenging year. We will be studying the physical sciences ( physics and chemistry) for most of the school year. All students are expected to try their best and participate in class. You will experience a variety of learning activities, including labs, nightly homework, note-taking, tests, quizzes, and projects. You will have many opportunities to work individually and in pairs, and small groups. Many of your assignments will be using computers for lab write-ups, internet research, and project development.

My goal is to provide a variety of actives and learning situations to meet the needs of the different learning styles and abilities of all my students. If you participate fully and work to your full potential, you will succeed in my class!

### **Grading:**

Your grade will be based on the following categories:

- Homework 10 %
- Quizzes 15%
- Labs / Journals 25%
- Test 50 %

**I have a “no late work” homework policy in my classes. If your homework is not with you, or incomplete, I enter a “0” into the grade book.**

Late labs, journals and projects will be penalized 10 points for each day the assignment is late.’

### **Students Responsibilities**

#### **Textbook:**

You will be given a textbook, at the beginning of the year. This book MUST BE COVERED and remain covered for the entire school year.

In June, you must pass in the **same book number** that you were issued in September.

#### **If you are ABSENT from class.....**

***dismissed for an appointment, sickness, band, peer leaders, etc:***

It is YOUR responsibility to check the Homework Hotline call a friend to see what you missed, what was collected, & what is due.

#### **Be prepared for class:**

You are required to bring your science journal, red pen, blue pen, highlighters and COMPLETED assignment to class EVERY day.

#### **Make good choices:**

Be on time to class. The class period will be a mix of notes, demonstrations and lab work, so it is important that you focus on the tasks at hand, and conduct yourself in an appropriate manner.

I will promote a safe learning environment – YOU will be help responsible for your own choices.

## **Science Work:**

### **Science Journal-**

You are required to bring your science journal with you to each class.

Journals will be used to record reference information such as:

- *Vocabulary*
- *Math Formulas*
- *Labs*
- *Notes*
- *Test and unit averages*

*All missed journal work must be made up.*

### **Labs-**

You will be required to participate in, and complete all labs and related projects.

A formal lab report or questions will accompany each assignment.

You will have 5 days to make-up labs, after which a “0” will be given.

### **Projects:**

A culminating project will be assigned each making period. Due dates and grading criteria will be given in advance. All projects must include a bibliography.

### **Tests :**

A written assessment will be given at end of each chapter, to gage your knowledge of the concepts studied. All tests will be announced will announced ahead of time so you can prepare for it. If you are absent from class, you must make up the test the following day.

### **Extra Credit**

There is NO “Extra Credit” in science. You are responsible for recording your averages for each chapter in the back of your science journal.

### **Extra Help:**

I am available for extra help most days after school. Be sure to come in – as soon as you “don’t get it”! DO not wait until the day before the test!